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1. CHINA

ACCORDING HEARST'S BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN, PRC HAS INVITED
CARTER VISIT PEKING AFTER INAUGURATION; BUT CARTER
REPORTEDLY PASSED WORD BACK THAT HE WOULD PREFER HAVE SOME
TOP CHINESE OFFICIAL COME HERE FIRST (CBS RADIO).

WP'S MCCARDLE SAYS GUESTS AT BRITISH EMBASSY FAREWELL
DINNER FOR MANSFIELD MONDAY NIGHT WERE TALKING OF POSSI-
BILITY CARTER MAY NAME SEN NEXT USLO CHIEF.

CHINESE OFFICIAL HAS TOLD FOREIGN DEL IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE
TENG WILL BE REHABILITATED, DIPLO SOURCES PEKING-SAID
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TUES. SOURCES-SAID-THEY-WERE GIVEN IMPRESSION TENG;S
RETURN TO PUBLIC SCENE COULD BE JUST MATTER OF TIME/
TACTICS, BUT HIS FUTURE ROLE MIGHT BE RELATIVELY MINOR
ONE (REUTER'S GRIFFITHS).

NEW MAO QUOTE, PRINTED TUES IN SPECIAL BOX ON FRONT PAGE
NATIONAL PEOPLE'S AND KUANGMING DAILIES, SHOWS CHAIRMAN
TOLD CHIANG CHING 2 YEARS AGO HE NEVER WANTED SEE HER
AGAIN (REUTER PEKING).

REUTER'S LITTLEJOHNS, AT UN, SAYS PRC EXPECTED VETO
WALDHEIM AS SEC-GEN ON FIRST BALLOT, PUSH FOR ELECTION
MEXICO'S ECHEVERRIA.

WP'S O'GRADY (ROME) REPORTS VATICAN STILL SEEKING WAYS
APPROACH PRC, BUT RELS WITH ROC ONE OBSTACLE TO DIPLO
CONTACT. SAYS OCTOBER VATICAN SECRET MEETING BROUGHT
ABOUT 40 EXPERTS TO ROME FOR DISCUSSION WAYS TAKE GOSPEL
TO CHINESE.

BRITTENDEN (WP PEKING) PROFILES FATHER FU TIN-SHAN, ONE
OF 10 PRIESTS/NUNS WHO LIVE/WORK AT PEKING CATHOLIC CHURCH.
FU SAYS HE LOVES MAO MORE THAN GOD: MAO "GAVE US FOOD,
SHELTER," CLOTHES; STOPPED SUFFERING, LED PEOPLE TO CHANGE
WHOLE FACE OF COUNTRY. - -

2. KOREA

REP "TIP" O'NEILL (D-MASS)(ELECTED HOUSE SPEAKER 12/6) SAYS
HE'LL ORDER TOUGHER EXPANDED HOUSE CODE ETHICS. ADDS HE
FAVORS INTERNAL HOUSE INVESTIGATION GROWING KOREAN SCANDAL
(TAYLOR, WSTAR 12/6). O'NEILL ASSERTS NEITHER HE NOR
STAFF APPROACHED BY KOREANS OFFERING FIGTS--THOUGHT BIRTH-
DAY PARTY GIVEN HIM GEORGETOWN CLUB SPONSORED BY EX-REP
HANNA, NOT TONGSUN PARK (BGLOBE 12/4). REP MCFALL (D-CAL),
HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP/NORMAL "SHOO-IN" FOR O'NEILL'S VACANT
MAJORITY LEADER POST (BALZ, LAT 12/5), SEEN AS "FIRST
VICTIM IN CONGRESS" SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING, LOSING BOTH
POSITIONS DECISIVELY AFTER ADMISSION TOOK 4,000 DOLS FROM
TONGSUN PARK (NYT'S LYONS).

REP WILSON (D-CAL) CLAIMS REPORTS HE DIVERTED CAMPAIGN
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FUNDS TO PERSONAL USE PART OF "HATCHET JOB" BY MEDIA ON
"ANYONE WHO IS FRIENDLY WITH SOUTH KOREA." DIVERSION NOT
VIOLATIONS FED/CAL LAW, BUT PROHIBITED BY HOUSE CODE
(UPI, LAT 12/6).

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES SK BEGIN ONE-WEEK PRAYER CAMPAIGN TO
PROTEST VILATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROK/ELSEWHERE (AP, WP,
NYT). REPORTED THAT TRIAL KIM CHI HA WILL REOPEN 12/4
(NYT).

REV MOON ACCUSED OF "UNRELIEVED HOSTILITY TO JEWS AND
JUDAISM" IN STUDY OF UNIFICATION CHURCH BY AMERICAN JEWISH
COMMITTEE. AT SAME TIME, ARTICLE IN JUST-PUBLISHED

"PRESENT TENSE," COMMITTEE'S QUARTERLY, INCLINED CREDIT CHURCH CLAIM IT NOT ANTI-SEMITIC (LAT'S DART 12/4).

ROK EXPORTS THRU NOV, WORTH 7.28 BILL DOLS, UP 51.8 PERCENT OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR--ROKG OFFICIALS EXPECT EXPORTS REACH 8 BILL DOLS LEVEL BY END 1976 (JOC).

3. PHILIPPINES

DOS'S FUNSETH SAYS COMPLETION US-PHIL MIL BASES AGREEMENT HAS TO AWAIT CARTER ADMIN; DENIES US HAD EXERTED PRESSURE TO COMPLETE PACT PRIOR JAN 20. ADDS CARTER TEAM INFORMED ABOUT RECENT US OFFERS. NOTED US RECORDS DO NOT AGREE WITH SOME GOP STATEMENTS MADE RE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT DECLINED ELABORATE (WP). US ALL BUT ACCUSES PHILS OF RENEGING ON DEAL FOR CONTINUED US BASE RIGHTS; FUNSETH SAYS HAK/ROMULO HAD SCHEDULED 2ND MTG FOR LAST SAT IN WHICH FINAL TERMS TO BE SETTLED; BUT SOURCES STATE INTERIM DEVELOPMENTS MADE MTG INAPPROPRIATE. WHETHER MISUNDERSTANDING OR MARCOS CHANGED ROMULO'S ORDERS NOT CLEAR, BUT APPEARS MARCOS THINKS CAN GET BETTER DEAL FROM CARTER, AND HAK, RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE BASES, UNWILLING ENGAGE IN SHOUTING MATCH W/MANILA (SUN).

NYT'S GWERTZMAN SEES US-MANILA TIES STRAINED BY PUBLIC DISPUTE OVER BASES. REVIEWS RECENT EVENTS THAT ENDED NEGOTS. SAYS BOTH SIDES AGREE TALKS WILL NOT BE RENEWED UNTIL CARTER ADMIN TAKES OFFICE.

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SECURITY FORCES HAVE KILLED 7 GUERRILLAS IN CLASH W/COMMUNIST NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY IN N LUZON (REUTER MANILA). AT LEAST 19 KILLED IN FLOODS/LANDSLIDES CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORMS OVER PAST WK (REUTER, PHINQ).

RAOUL LOCSIN, PUBLISHER/EDITOR MANILA'S "BUSINESS DAY," NAMED ASIAN EDITOR OF YR BY PRESS FOUNDATION OF ASIA (REUTER MANILA).

TONGE (CSM) DOES TRAVEL PIECE DESCRIBING TRIP DOWN PAGSANJAN RAPIDS, 2 HRS FROM MANILA.

4. PHILIPPINES/THAILAND

FAO NOTES WORLD PINEAPPLE PRODUCTION DOWN 6.4 PCT IN 1975, R - S A. OWN U HER"PRIC S RIVING CANNERS SWITCHED FROM HAWAII TO SO RC S IN P IL /T ILAND/ KENYA. PHILS' OUTPUT CANNED PINEAPPLE HAS MORE THAN TRIPLED BETW 1963-73, MAKING IT WORLD'S 2ND LARGEST PRODUCER, LARGEST EXPORTER; POSITION ATTRIBUTED TO CLIMATE/ ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS, COMPETITIVE LABOR COSTS, EFFICIENT PRODUCTION/MARKETING, HI QUALITY PRODUCT.

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5. AUSTRALIA

US WILL TRY PROVIDE 2ND-HAND AIRCRAFT TO REBUILD AUSSIE NAVY'S ANTI-SUB PATROL FORCE, ACCORDING GOA DEFMIN KILLEN (AP, NYDN), WHO QUOTES AMB HARGROVE THAT US WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE PROVIDE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENTS (WP; UPI, NYT).

GOA INCREASES CURRENCY VALUE 2 PCT. MOVE MADE SINCE SPECULATION IN AUSSIE DOL STOPPED. DEVALUATION CRITICIZED BY LABOR PARTY/SOME SECTIONS BUSINESS COMMUNITY AS INFLATIONARY (AP, WP). GOA SOURCES SAY WIDE-RANGING TARIFF CUTS TO ACCOMPANY REVALUATION EXPECTED BE ANNOUNCED LATER. CAPITAL INFLOW HAS RESUMED (WSJ).

ANIMAL SMUGGLERS PLAGUE AUSTRALIA; BIRDS/LIZARDS/SNAKES/ RARE ANIMALS ILLEGALLY MOVED OUT AS PART 2-WAY RACKET
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THAT BRINGS IN HEROIN/CANNABIS/ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS/CURRENCY/ PORNO FILMS (UPI, LAT 12/5).

GOA ORDERS LOCAL URANIUM MINING OFFICIALS NOT GIVE EVIDENCE IN ANTI-TRUST CASE INITIATED BY WESTINGHOUSE IN NSW. ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT FIRMS BEING EMBROILED IN LEGAL BATTLE (REUTER CANBERRA).

6. JAPAN

FINAL ELECTION RESULTS SHOW LDP W/TOTAL 257 OUT OF 511 SEATS IN DIET'S LOWER HOUSE, INCL 8 INDEPENDENTS WHO AGREED JOIN PARTY. OBSERVERS BELIEVE MIKI WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTION SETBACK/MAY BE FORCED RESIGN (PHINQ, NYDN). ADDRESSING POST-ELECTION PRESS CONF, PM MADE NO MENTION RESIGNING PARTY PRESIDENCY, SPOKE OF LEADING LDP "IN NEW DIRECTIONS." DESPITE THIS, MIKI ALLY NAKASONE SUGGESTED PM RESIGN; OBSERVERS EXPECT SUCH CALLS TO MOUNT (MALCOLM, NYT). REUTER TOKYO REPORTS LDP SOURCES BELIEVE MIKI'S EXPRESSION "GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY" FOR ELECTION RESULTS IS "VIRTUAL INDICATION" HE WILL RESIGN, THO PM MADE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO SUCH. OKA (CSM) ADDS "BY NO MEANS CERTAIN" FUKUDA WOULD SUCCEED MIKI IN FACE RESIGNATION.

ASAHI CALLS LDP LOSSES "LANDSLIDE DEFEAT," PREDICTS "MAJOR POST-ELECTION TURMOIL." OTHER OBSERVERS SEE NEW POL ERA AHEAD FOR JAPAN, BUT NOT RADICAL CHANGE (WSTAR 12/6). MIKI TERMS ELECTION "WORST CRISIS IN POSTWAR HISTORY," SAYS LDP MUST ACCEPT "JUDGMENT OF THE PEOPLE" (SEIDEN, SUN; THARP, WSJ). DOS SPOKESMAN SAID MON ELECTION RESULTS WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT US-JAPAN RELS, WHICH CONTINUE IN "CLOSE FRIENDSHIP, TRUST, AND COOPERATION" (REUTER, NYT).

IN OTHER PARTIES, NEW LIBERAL CLUB WON GREATEST VICTORY, INCREASING NUMBER SEATS FROM 5 TO 17; SOCIALISTS GAINED 11 SEATS, NOW HAVE TOTAL 123; JCP SUFFERED LOSS 22 SEATS, NOW CONTROL ONLY 17. JAPANESE ANALYSTS BELIEVE "LOCKHEED CANDIDATES" TRIUMPHED DUE STRONG LINKS HOME DISTRICTS, VOTERS' BELIEF THEY STILL HAVE INFLUENCE BRING HOME LARGE APPROPRIATIONS FROM NATL BUDGET (SAAR, WP).

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JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN EXPRESS CONCERN OVER ELECTION RESULTS, FEAR NATION MAY BE PLAGUED BY POL INSTABILITY WHICH COULD HAMPER FORMULATION ECON POL. BUSINESS SEEKING STRONG ANTIRECESSION MEASURES/RAPID EXPANSION NATL BUDGET FROM WHOEVER LEADS NEW GOVT. ONE SENIOR BANKER BELIEVES JCP'S POOR SHOWING INDICATES JAPANESE PEOPLE AREN'T MOVING TOO FAR LEFT--FACT WHICH SHOULD HAVE "STABILIZING EFFECT" ON BUSINESS (REUTER TOKYO; CULLISON, JOC).

AT OECD SHIPBUILDING CMTE MTG, JAPAN REFUSED EEC PROPOSAL SHARE SHIPBUILDING ORDERS W/EC MEMBERS DURING CURRENT SHIPBUILDING RECESSION, SAYING PROPOSAL RAN COUNTER TO PRINCIPLES FREE TRADE (REUTER PARIS, NYT).

INTL TRADE NEGOTIATOR DENT SAYS JAPANESE TRADE AGREEMENT W/EC WILL NOT ENDANGER US-JAPAN TRADE RELS. ADDS IF ANY MEASURES TURN OUT DISADVANTAGEOUS TO US, JAPAN HAS AGREED CONSULT ON THEM AT BILATERAL TRADE NEGOTS, WHICH ENDED 12/7 AFTER 2 DAYS' DISCUSSION IN TOKYO ON STEEL EXPORTS/WORLD STEEL TRADE (REUTER TOKYO; LAT 12/6).

BANK OF JAPAN PLANS 0.5 PCT REDUCTION OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE IN JAN AS ECON STIMULATION MEASURE (JOC).

MITSUBISHI DROPS PLANS FOR AUTO ASSEMBLY AT CHRYSLER PLANTS IN UK/France/SPAIN DUE OPPOSITION FROM EUR AUTO INDUSTRY (NYT).

JAPANESE CORPS, INCL 9 MAJOR ELECTRIC POWER FIRMS, PLAN FLOAT 240-MIL-DOLS WORTH DEBENTURES IN DEC (JOC).

OECD REPORT SAYS 1975 OIL CONSUMPTION DROPPED SHARPLY IN JAPAN/W EUR/N AMER. JAPAN CUT OIL ORDERS 8.9 PCT OVER '74 (UPI, NYT).

JAMESON (LAT 12/4) DOES ITEM ON "SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION"--JAPANESE VERSION US' "POLITICAL MACHINE." STATES PERSONAL INTEREST IN CONSTITUENTS, USUALLY IN FORM OF GRANTING FAVORS WHICH SOMETIMES "BORDER ON--OR PASS THE BORDER OF--VIOLATING" LAW, IS JAPANESE POLITICIANS' MOST VALUABLE ELECTIONEERING TACTIC.

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SAAR (WP) DOES HISTORICAL PIECE ON 35TH ANNIVERSARY PEARL HARBOR ATTACK. NOTES DIFFERENCES IN JAPANESE/AMERICAN INTERPRETATIONS WWII, INCL FACT MOST JAPANESE TEXTBOOKS, WHILE ADMITTING WAR WAS MISTAKE, SAY JAPAN FORCED INTO IT.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

IN DISCUSSION VANCE'S QUOTES ON VARIOUS ISSUES, GLOBE'S MCNAMERA (12/5) MENTIONS FUTURE SECSTATE WAS STRONG SUPPORTER VN WAR, STAUNCH INTERVENTIONIST WHILE DEPSECDEF. ADDS IN 1972 VANCE/HARRIMAN, CO-NEGOTIATORS AT PARIS PEACE TALKS, SUPPORTED CHARGE THAT NIXON BLEW CHANCE END WAR IN 1969. SOUTHERLAND (CSM) QUOTES HARRIMAN THAT VANCE, WHILE DEPSECDEF, WAS IMPLEMENTING PRES' POLICIES; AND, WHILE AT PARIS, FAVORED POL COMPROMISE THAT COULD HAVE RESULTED IN SETTLEMENT '68-'69.

O'LEARY (WSTAR 12/5) REVIEWS REPORT OF ARMY INVESTIGATION NIXON CONNECTIONS W/HUGE CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FE. MENTIONS UNVERIFIED REPORTS THIEU/KY SENT SEVERAL MILLION DOLS TO US FOR NIXON POL ACTIVITIES.

TOM HAYDEN (LAT 12/5) OPINES CARTER ADMIN WILL HAVE ADOPT MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD NATL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO AVOID PITFALLS VN ERA. MENTIONS FLOUNDERING PARIS TALKS ON VN; SAYS MIA ISSUE/RECONSTRUCTION AID/NORMALIZED RELS W/HANOI ALL SOLVABLE. REVIEWS VN'S "CONCRETE" MOVES, THAT SOME INTERPRET AS PIECE-MEAL/TANTALIZING. STATES CARTER HAS RETREATED INTO "COLD WAR TOUGHNESS," IMPLICITLY REFUSES "CARRY THROUGH OUR OFFICIAL OBLIGATION" PROVIDE RECONSTRUCTION AID.

EXEC DIR NATL LEAGUE FAMILIES WRITES LAT (12/3) IN DISTRESS OVER 11/17 EDITORIAL, "MIAS IN THE SHADOWS." POINTS OUT HANOI NEVER DENIED HAVING MORE INFO, BUT INTENDS USE IT FOR POL ADVANTAGE. WRITER CANNOT CONCEIVE OF US OPENING DOOR TO BILATERAL RELS PRIOR RECEIVING FULL MIA INFO. FINDS UNCONSCIONABLE EVEN CONSIDER NORMALIZATION RELS W/COUNTRY

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THAT BARGAINS W/LIVES US SERVICEMEN. CONSIDERS, VN MEMBERSHIP IN UN WOULD BE MOCKERY HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES.

8. INDONESIA

LIPSKY/PURA (WSJ) NOTE GOI SEEKS FORMAL VOTE CONFIDENCE

FROM W BANKERS AS PROBLEMS MOUNT IN FON-CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS.
OPINE VOTE CRUCIAL: IF FAILS, COULD THROW INTO JEOPARDY
MASSIVE LOANS ALREADY HAS, ALSO HURT CHANCES RAISING MAJOR

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NEW LOANS; IF SUCCESSFUL, COULD HELP CLEAR LEGAL STATUS
INDO'S BORROWINGS, PUT BANKS BEHIND GOI IN DISPUTE
W/FOREIGN SHIPOWNERS, MAKE FUTURE BORROWING EASIER. POLL
FOREIGN BANKS BEING REQUESTED BY MORGAN GUARANTY, INVOLVES
50 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. LIPSKY/PURA REVIEW PROBLEMS
INVOLVING TANKER LEASES, LNG LOANS.

9. JAPAN

ON ELECTIONS, NYT PRAISES JAPAN'S "DEMONSTRATION OF DEM-
OCRACY'S CONTINUED VITALITY" IN "INCREASINGLY TOTALITAR-
IAN ASIA." SAYS WHILE VOTERS CLEARLY CALLING FOR "GENER-
ATIONAL CHANGE" IN COUNTRY'S "AGED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP,"
JAPAN'S "STRONG BASE IN POLITICAL DEMOCRACY," POL/ECON
LINKS W/US "STANDS UNSHAKEN."

CSM ECHOES NYT EDIT THAT MOST IMPORTANT RESULT ELECTIONS
IS SIMPLE FACT "DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IS WORKING." ON QUES-
TION NEW PM, SPECULATES LDP COULD POSSIBLY SETTLE ON "SOME-
ONE LIKE" FORMER FONMIN MIYAZAWA, WHO REPRESENTS "NEXT
GENERATION OF CONSERVATIVE, ABLE POLITICIANS." CONCLUDES
FUTURE JAPANESE DEMOCRACY WILL BE DETERMINED BY WHETHER
COUNTRY MOVES TO REFORM POL INSTITUTIONS/TRADITIONS, "OR
EDGES BACK TOWARD BUSINESS-AS-USUAL WAYS."

SUN STATES VOTERS "PRODUCED CONFUSION" IN ATTEMPT REPUD-
IATE LDP CORRUPTION WHILE TRYING PRESERVE ITS POLICIES.
BELIEVES ELECTORAL REFORM/ANTI-TRUST/PRC RELS WOULD DO
BETTER UNDER MIKI, "WHILE IMPENITENT POLITICS"/TAIWAN
SHOULD BENEFIT FROM FUKUDA. OPINES LDP, TO PRESERVE
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PARTY INTEGRITY/FAITH IN GOVT, "WOULD DO WELL" STICK
W/MIKI "AND REFORM."

CDN (12/3) PRAISES FEA DECISION KNOCKING DOWN SUGGESTION
SHIP ALASKAN OIL TO JAPAN. SAYS DOING SO WOULD HAVE IN-
CREASED US DEPENDENCY ON FON SOURCES/FURTHER ERODE BOP/IN-
CREASE FUEL COSTS.

10. KOREA

GWERTZMAN (NYT 12/6), RE NEWSWEEK SECSTATE DESIGNATE
INTERVIEW, WRITES THAT VANCE, COMMENTING ON SK, SAID IT
UNFORTUNATE ROK INTELL ACTIVITIES HAVE HAD HARMFUL EFFECT
ON RELATIONS; BUT BEFORE ROK JUDGED TOO SEVERELY, "IT MUST
BE REMEMBERED THAT SOUTH KOREA'S VERY SURVIVAL HINGES ON

THE UNITED STATES ALONE" (ALO EX-ERPTD WSTAR 12/6).

CDN'S LISAGOR (LAT 12/5) SAYS RECENT REVELATIONS ABOUT KCIA OPS "BEST CURRENT EXAMPLE" JUST HOW WELL "STUDENT" (KCIA) LEARNS FROM "MENTOR" (US CIA). DECRIES MORAL CLIMATE FOSTERING SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING/"ETHICAL SEDUCTION" CONGRESSMEN.

JAMESON (LAT 12/5) DOES LENGTHY PIECE, STARTING FRONT PAGE SUNDAY TIMES, REGARDING MAJOR EFFORT/EXPENSE ROK TO CLOSE ARMS GAP W/NK THRU FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN. CITES ROK AIR/ NAVAL DEFICIENCIES, EQUIPMENT NEEDS, TOGETHER W/PRES PARK'S GOAL ACHIEVING "SELF-RELIANCE" ON GROUND. SEES US FORCES SK AS " POLITICAL GUARANTEE" HELP WHEN NEEDED, RATHER THAN ESSENTIAL MILITARILY. POINTS OUT US GRANTS ENDED, ROK BEARING LION'S SHARE DEFENSE COSTS; BUT ADDS US LOANS NEEDED NEXT 2-4 YRS TO LIGHTEN SK FX NEEDS.

11. KOREA/CHINA

COLUMBIA U'S "GLOBAL POLITICAL ASSESSMENT" SAYS WORLD POLITICS MAY BE ENTERING PERIOD GREATER CONCERN FOR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, W USSR/PRC POSSIBLE HEADED FOR INTERNAL CRISIS. REPORT SAYS MAJOR EVENT PAST 6 MOS WAS MAO'S DEATH. MENTIONS NK'S "INTERNATIONAL BANKRUPTCY." OPINES SINO-SOVIET ACCOMMODATION UNLIKELY UNTIL NEW PRC LEADER- UNCLASSIFIED

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SHIP IS CONSOLIDATED (REUTER, GLOBE 12/5).

12. CHINA

CBS'S JIM RANDALL CITES TUES REPORT BY HEARST'S WALLACH THAT PEKING INVITED CARTER VISIT PRC, BUT THAT KEY CARTER ADVISER HAS RESPONDED PRES-ELECT GRATEFUL, BUT WOULD RATHER HAVE OFFICIAL VISIT BY CHINESE TO US INSTEAD. NOTES THIS HAS BEEN CONDITIONED BY CHINESE IN PAST BY FULL SINO-US RELS. SUGGESTS ANOTHER FACTOR IS THAT CARTER'S APPARENT HIGH PRIORITY FOR NEW STRATEGIC ARMS TREATY WITH SOVIET COULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY VISIT TO PEKING IN NEXT FEW MONTHS.

IN REPORT OF CONVERSATION WITH VANCE MADE PUBLIC BY NEWS-WEEK MAG SUNDAY NIGHT, SECSTATE-DESIGNATE SAID HE PLANS ESTABLISH NORMAL RELS WITH PEKING, BUT SLOWLY. ADDED HE FAVORS ANOTHER ROUND HIGH-LEVEL TALKS "TO FEEL EACH OTHER OUT," BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY RUSH TO ESTABLISH RELS BECAUSE OF NEED TO MAINTAIN CAREFUL BALANCE TIES WITH SOVIET AND INSURE SECURITY ROC--WHICH "IS ESSENTIAL" (GWERTZMAN 12/6).

CHI SUN TIMES ASSERTS QUICK US DIPLO RECOGNITION PRC IS IN ORDER, EVEN IF HUA GOVT NEW/STRANGE OR IF NORMALIZATION

MEANS BREAKING WITH ROC. BUT ADDS THAT TIES WITH PEKING

SHOULD NOT COME AT EXPENSE IMPROVED US/SOVIET RELS--FOR
THESE ARE 2 NATIONS HOLDING LIFE/DEATH POWER OVER ALL
CIVILIZATION (11/2L).

PHILA BULL DECLARES "POINT HAS TO BE STRESSED" THAT PRC
"HAS NO RIGHT" SENDING "ITS DIRTY, DANGEROUS" RADIOACTIVE
CLOUDS THROUGH SKIES OF PEOPLE AROUND WORLD (11/29).

SUN'S WU (HK) FINDS NCNA'S TELLING OF LI CHUN-KUANG STORY
"FASCINATING," REVEALING "EXTRAORDINARY COURSE" OF THIS
MUSIC TEACHER, "CALCULATED RISKS OF REPRESSION HE TOOK,"
TO MOUNT CAUSTIC CRITICISM AGAINST CHIANG CHING.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK) SAYS CAMPAIGN AGAINST "GANG OF FOUR"
APPEARS TO HAVE EXPANDED INTO CULTURAL MINISTRY/SPORTS
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COMMISSION, WITH PUBLICATION ARTICLES ATTACKING RADICALS'
ACTIVITIES INTO THOSE AGENCIES. ACCORDING CSM'S MORITZ
(HK), MOST PRC MUSIC LOVERS/MOVIEGOERS APPEAR IN FOR
CHANGE IN BILL OF FARE; LIGHTER FOLK MUSIC MAY GRADUALLY
REPLACE HIGHLY POLITICAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERAS, HUMOROUS/
ADVENTURE-FILLED EPICS ABOUT EMPRESSES/HEROIC GENERALS
MAY COMPETE WITH LONG/SERIOUS FILMS THAT CHRONICLE
IDEALISTIC PEASANTS'/FACTORY WORKERS' ARDUOUS EFFORTS.
SAYS THIS SUGGESTS CULTURAL LIBERALIZATION MAY BE IMPORT-
ANT PART HUA EFFORTS RALLY CHINESE PEOPLE BEHIND HIM.

TO LAT'S LESLIE (HK 12/5), PRC MEDIA'S BLAST AT CHANG TIEN-
SMENG--PEASANT HAILED HERO 3 YEARS AGO FOR PROTESTING
CLASS BIAS OF HIS UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAM--COULD INDICATE
CHINESE EDUCATION SYSTEM MAY SOON BE OVERHAULED, ENDING
RADICALS' OBSTRUCTIONS TO TRAINING QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS.

SUNDAY GLOBE CARRIES ROSS TERRELL SUGGESTION THAT IF CARTER
ABLE SOLVE/SETTLE TAIWAN ISSUE SOON, PEKING'S TEMPTATION
TURN TO SOVIET WOULD RECEDE.

HARVARD'S POLLACK (GLOBE 12/5) FINDS THAT WHILE PLA HAS
UNQUESTIONABLY ENHANCED ITS LEADERSHIP POSITION, LARGER
IMPLICATIONS FOR CHINESE POLITICS REMAINS UNSETTLED. SAYS
WHETHER COUNTRY'S DECISION-MAKERS' CONTINUING POLICY OF
BASING SEARCH FOR SECURITY AS MUCH ON INTERNAL NEEDS AS ON
ASSESSMENTS OF POSSIBLE EXTERNAL THREATS CONTINUES BE UP-
HELD IN FUTURE WILL REVEAL GREAT DEAL ABOUT POL DIRECTIONS
IN POST-MAO ERA.

WM BUCKLEY (WSTAR 12/6) CAUTIONS THAT ALTHOUGH BY "YIELDING
TAIWAN" WE WOULD BE ACCOMMODATING PEKING, IN DOING SO WE
WOULD REVEAL "THAT WEAKNESS IN CHARACTER WHICH WOULD MAKE

US LESS ESTIMABLE, STRATEGICALLY," IN CHINESE EYES.

BEECH (CDN 12/3), IN HK, OBSERVES THAT RECENT ROC SENTENCING 8 PEOPLE TO STIFF PRISON TERMS ON CHARGES OF BEING COMMUNIST AGENTS "DEMOLISHED ANY LINGERING ILLUSIONS" THAT TAIPEI REGIME HAD SUCCUMBED TO LIBERALISM. SAYS THIS AND "TAIWAN REVIEW" CASE INDICATE CCK REGIME IS TIGHTENING GRIP ON TAIWAN, NOT LOOSENING IT. FEELS UNCLASSIFIED

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GROC APPARENTLY UNCONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPACT OF ARRESTS ON US PUBLIC OPINION AND INCOMING CARTER ADMIN. DECLARES REGIME'S "SMOOTHLY RUNNING CAMPAIGN" TO WIN FRIENDS/INFLUENCE PEOPLE IN US HAS YIELDED RICH RESULTS; DURING PAST YEAR, SCORES AMERICANS HAVE VISITED TAIWAN, GONE AWAY FULL OF PRAISE. THESE INCLUDE LARGE NUMBER UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS, DOZENS ASIA SCHOLARS, NEWSPAPER EDITORS/PUBLISHERS, NUMBER CONGRESSMEN, LARGER NUMBER CONGRESSIONAL AIDES. BUT, "CURIOUSLY ENOUGH," NEITHER GOVT NOR US EMBASSY SEEMS HAVE FIGURE ON HOW MANY VIP AMERICANS HAVE VISITED ISLAND, OR SUCH DETAILS AS HOW MANY PAID OWN WAY, HOW MANY CAME AT GROC'S EXPENSE.

13. GENERAL

KRAFT (SUN, WP) SEES "EVERY REASON" BELIEVE VANCE "WILL HANDLE WELL" TRADITIONAL FOPOLICY ISSUES, SUCH AS RELS WITH PEKING, ARMS CONTROL, ETC. NOTES US MIL SUPREMACY HAS BEEN DIMINISHED, AND SEVERAL NEW ACTORS--NOTABLY JAPAN, FRG--HAVE COME CENTER STAGE. SUGGESTS INCOMING PRES WILL NEED "CROSS-CUTTERS" TO IDENTIFY NEW/UNFAMILIAR ISSUES AS THEY EMERGE, MANAGE THEIR COORDINATION, ETC. ROBINSON

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